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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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See paragraph 2 below

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PCT/GB2005/001076

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Applicant  
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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**Box No. I Basis of the opinion**

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1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
  - ☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material:
    - ☐ a sequence listing
    - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material:
    - ☐ in written format
    - ☐ in computer readable form
  - c. time of filing/furnishing:
    - ☐ contained in the international application as filed.
    - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
    - ☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

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**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	1-6, 8, 10
	No: Claims	7, 9, 11, 12
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	1-6
	No: Claims	7-12
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-10
	No: Claims	11, 12

**2. Citations and explanations**

**see separate sheet**

**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

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International application No.

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1. Reference is made to the following document:  
(D1) EP-A-0 505 055.
2. The document D1 is regarded as being the closest prior art (cf. column 4, lines 46-56 and figure 1); D1 does not disclose that the probe is withdrawn before applying pressure as stated in claim 1.
3. However, as in claim 7 the probe in its second position is **not** clear of the engaged profile lengths, D1 discloses all the features of claim 7.  
Hence, the present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 7 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
4. Dependent claims 8-10 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and inventive step.
5. Claims 11 and 12 refer to a drawing (Rule 6.2(a) PCT).
6. The independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT.
7. The features of the claims are not provided with reference signs placed in parentheses (Rule 6.2(b) PCT).
8. Contrary to the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, the relevant background art disclosed in the document D1 is not mentioned in the description, nor is this document identified therein.